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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

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Please replace the paragraph on page 10, line 12 through page 11, line 2, with the following:

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The nested or layered approach to deploying the thin wall graft members described herein will allow each member to be smaller, more flexible, and have a lower profile than would a single element device typically used to treat the same body lumen. While each individual graft member may lack the necessary mechanical characteristics or properties of a completed graft or device, the aggregate assembly of all of the components in situ will achieve the required structural objectives. These objectives include strength, stiffness, and non-porosity necessary for device patency, hemodynamic sealing, and prevention of

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